

## INFORMATION NOTICE

## **WORKFORCE SERVICES**

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: WIA FUNDS-VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT-RELATED ASSISTANCE

PROGRAM FUNDS SFP

The Employment Development Department (EDD) in coordination with the California Workforce Investment Board, on behalf of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, announces the availability of up to \$12 million in a Veterans' Employment-Related Assistance Program Solicitation for Proposals (SFP). Funds will be awarded from two program years with an initial allocation of \$6 million from program year (PY) 2008-09. The additional funding of up to \$6 million from PY 2009-10 will become available to awardees based on achievement of performance benchmarks. If the State receives a reduction in the WIA funds in the second year (PY 2009-10), awardees' funds would be reduced by a relative share.

The goal of the SFP is to transition veterans into high wage, high growth occupations. Additionally, given the significant number of recently separated veterans returning to California, this SFP will award bonus points to proposals targeting this population.

The SFP is open to public, private non-profit and private for-profit organizations. Proposals from individuals will not be accepted. Proposals must be received by EDD no later than October 24, 2008. A one-day Bidders' Conference will be held in Sacramento on October 1, 2008. Questions regarding the SFP will be accepted until October 3, 2008, by e-mail at WIAVETS@edd.ca.gov.

Copies of the SFP, as well as related information, are available in electronic form on the <u>Workforce Development SFP Web page</u>. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Melissa Ochoa at (916) 653-1263.

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